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QUR'AN CHAPTERS

It is reported that RasūlAllāh ﷺ said: I was given the **Seven Long Chapters** [*Sabá al-Ṭuwal*] in place of the *Torah*; and I was given **Centums** [*Mi'ūn*] in place of the Gospel [*Injīl*]; and I was given the **Iteratives** [*Mathānīy*] in place of Psalms [*Zabūr*] and I was additionally bestowed the **Sectioned** ones [*Mufaṣṣal*].

Al-Sabá al-Ṭuwal: *The Seven Lengthy Chapters* **Al-Mi'ūn:** *The Centums* - *Surahs with more than 100 verses* **Al-Mathānīy:** *The Iteratives* - *Less than 100 verses; until Sūrah Hujurat* **Al-Mufaṣṣal-:** *The Sectioned* - *from Sūrah Qaf onwards until Nas.* These are in the last 4 parts [juz']

Qur'ān chapters are grouped as follows, based on ĥadīth

1. The Seven Lengthy Chapters [*Sabá al-Ṭuwal*]: *al-Baqarah, Aāl Ímrān, al-Nisā'a, al-Mā'idah, al-Anáām, al-Aárāf* and *Yūnus or Barā'ah* [*Sūrah al-Tawbah*].

2. The Centums [*Mi'ūn*]: Chapters containing over a hundred verses or nearly as many.

3. The Iteratives [*Mathāniy*]: Chapters that contain fewer than one hundred verses and are named as such because they feature recurring stories.

4. The Sectioned [*Mufaṣṣal*]: They were named *mufaṣṣal* – sectioned – due to their frequent sectioning or terminations; i.e. they are short chapters. Also known as *Muĥkam:* Operationals, because there are no abrogated verses in these chapters.

Grouping as mentioned by some Elders [*salaf*]

1. Mayādīn – *The Sprawling Fields*: Chapters that start with ***Alif-Lām-Mīm.*** الٓمٓ §2 §3 §29 §30 §31 §32

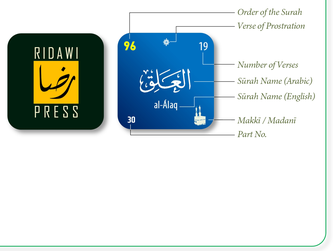
2. Basāţīn – *The Lavish Orchards*: Chapters that start with ***Alif-Lām-Rā.*** الٓر §10 §11 §12 §14 §15

3. Maqāşīr – *The Dwellings*: Chapters that start with the Praise of Allāh اَلْحَمْدُ [*al-Ĥāmidāt*]. §1 §6 §18 §34 §35

4. Árā'is – *The Brides*: Chapters that start with Glorifying Allāh سَبَّحَ لِلَّهِ [*al-Musabbiĥāt*]. §17 §57 §59 §61 §62 §64 §87

5. Dayābīj – *The Silk Brocades*: Chapters that start with ***Ĥā-Mīm.*** حٰمٓ §40 §41 §42 §43 §44 §45 §46

6. Riyāđ – *The Lush Gardens*: Short chapters – from §50 to §114 [Juz' 27-30]



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